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For Immediate Release:

NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Department of Journalism is seeking a person who has made significant contributions to the field of journalism for its annual Journalist of the Year award.

To be eligible for the award, a person must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- ▶ Be a journalist in the EIU service region who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of journalism;
- ▶ Work for a newspaper, magazine or other journalistic publication, or work as a broadcast journalist or Internet journalist or in a related medium;
- ▶ Have made a life-long contribution to journalism but is no longer a working journalist; and/or
- ▶ Have made a significant contribution to a related journalistic field.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Les Hyder, Chair -- Department of Journalism, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, Illinois 61920, by Jan. 31, 2002. Include the name of the person being nominated and a detailed explanation of why the person should be considered for the award.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

"The journalism department established this award last year because we wanted to honor the contributions outstanding journalists have made to the profession," Hyder said.

"These people serve as role models not only for other journalists, but also for the next generation of journalists -- the students who are currently enrolled in our classes and are studying journalism."

Selection of the recipient of the award, to be presented in April, will be made by the department's Outreach and Service Committee.

For information, contact Hyder at (217) 581-6003.